

**Office of Select Board
945 Battle Street/Rte. 127
Webster, NH 03303**

6:30 pm – Select Board’s Meeting – March 17, 2014

Select Board present: Chairman Bruce Johnson, Selectman Fanjoy and Selectman Donovan

Chairman Johnson opened the meeting, thanking everyone that participated in Election Day and the Town Meeting. Selectman Donovan motioned to appoint Selectman Fanjoy as chairman for the ensuing year; seconded by Chairman Johnson. The motion passed. Chairman Johnson passed the gavel to Chairman Fanjoy.

The Select Board signed the payroll and check manifests.

The Select Board signed or completed the following for Administrative Assistant Judith Jones, absent this evening:

- Select Board Minutes of 3/3/14 will be on the 3/31/14 agenda for acceptance and signatures.
- Selectman Donovan made a motion to put \$2,000 into the Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund for re-evaluation expenses; seconded by Selectman Johnson. The motion passed.
- Signed reaffirmation of a Veteran’s Credit for the file.
- Signed a new Veteran’s Tax Credit application.
- The Board signed PO #9 for the Fire Department to Bergeron Protective Clothing for miscellaneous items in the amount of \$2,135.
- After signing PO #10, Selectman Donovan made a motion to take \$296.40 from the Town Hall Capital Reserve to pay Cross Plumbing and Heating for services rendered to flush debris from the water system and materials needed; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved.
- Chairman Fanjoy signed three letters to taxpayers with structures owned by others on their property.

The Select Board signed or acknowledged the following for Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham:

- The February Bank Reconciliation.
- An Intent to Cut for Map 4-41.
- A Timber Tax Warrant for Map 4-41.
- Discussed a quote for document shredding and vault room decluttering.

Police Chief Robert Dupuis was welcomed back to work by all three Selectmen. He advised the Select Board that he will be working 32 hours per week on light duty. He advised that there were 32 calls for service during the last two weeks with highlights read.

Road Agent Emmett Bean advised the Select Board of upcoming road postings and permits: dirt roads will be posted on 3/18/14 and paved roads will be posted on 3/19/14. Road Agent Bean will be responsible for issuing permits (waivers) and will make sure the Police Department knows. Road Agent Bean and Chief Dupuis will meet to discuss. Patching of holes is scheduled for 3/19/14 when the temperatures warm and the roads dry up a little.

Mary Jo McGowan met with the Board to discuss the Warner River and the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program. There is an effort by Central NH Regional Planning Commission and Warner’s Conservation Commission to nominate The Warner River for the scenic river designation, a very involved process and currently in the very early stages. The Conservation Committee took a vote to support this and asked the Select Board to vote to support. She shared the benefits, indicating no known costs. The Select Board will consider this and revisit at the next meeting.

Selectman Johnson inquired of Chief Dupuis of any major purchases expected. Chief Dupuis is looking at ballistic vests, as current ones have expired. He advised that there is a Department of Justice Grant program available.

Old Business:

Discussed Bashan Hollow and Gerrish Road relative to weight limits, safety, speed, etc. Selectman Johnson shared correspondence with New Hampshire Municipal Association that the only way to close the road to thru trucks would be RSA’s 230:190 and 231:191. This allows the Town to close only due to road structure. Selectman Johnson will continue to follow through.

New Business:

Assessment contact from Jere Buckley and others. Judy will send a copy to Cross Country for a written response. Selectman Johnson presented and posed various questions and concerns. Jere shared the two major concerns to be comparison with other lots in Town, and the seven sales that formed the basis of the assessment not good ones. Select Board to read and study.

Discussion regarding Map 6 Lot 25 will be on the next agenda.

Discussed e-mail from Tax Collector Karen King relative to delinquent taxes. Need a letter of request from the applicants; written letter or in-person contact acceptable. Need to know the plan as to how much owed, how much per month, and how many months needed. If the applicant defaults, the Select Board can request the property be tax dedeed.

Discussed fireworks permits or ordinances response requested in a letter received from the Office of the State Fire Marshal in the read folder. No need to follow through at this time. A copy was requested to be given to the Fire Chief.

Safety Building: Selectman Johnson will write up bid specs and create a possible timeline to be ready if needed. He will discuss this with Chief Wolinski. Selectman Donovan will contact Hutter Construction. A lengthy discussion ensued.

R. E. Fanjoy

M. W. Donovan

B. G. Johnson

Chairman Fanjoy discussed the campaign sign on the Veteran's Memorial property on Election Day, and requested no future signs at the Memorial. Further discussion revealed that the Veteran's Memorial property is not Town owned property.

Chairman Fanjoy to contact NHMA about unsigned inquiries received. He will pass this information to Selectman Johnson to create a draft policy regarding this.

Adam Pearson presented a letter to the Police Advisory Committee, which was also sent to the Select Board. Chairman Fanjoy opened it. The decision was to go to non-public session later.

Selectman Donovan thanked Moderator Bob Pearson for conducting a well-run Town meeting as did Chairman Fanjoy.

Selectman Donovan presented RSA 195:25, procedure to study withdrawal from Merrimack Valley School District. He is working on a petition related to requesting a special Town Meeting to vote on the study. He noted that the Select Board could call a non-appropriation Special Town Meeting if desired without a petition. He said that the Town of Salisbury was doing the same petition. Selectman Donovan will send NHMA responses to Chairman Fanjoy and Selectman Johnson. This subject will be on the next agenda.

Public Input:

Sue Roberts presented Attorney General's Memorandum on RSA 91A to the Board.

Bob Pearson shared making a statement at the last Police Advisory Committee that the Grapevine edited what the Town Clerk sent to the Grapevine. After further research, he found that the Grapevine published what the Town Clerk sent. He apologized for the misinformation.

8:21 pm Selectman Donovan motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II. Selectman Johnson seconded. Roll call: Selectman Johnson – yes, Selectman Donovan – yes, and Chairman Fanjoy – yes.

8:56 pm Chairman Fanjoy reconvened the meeting. The Board voted to seal the minutes. Vote: Selectman Johnson – yes, Selectman Donovan – yes, and Chairman Fanjoy – yes.

Adam Pearson asked about the Police Advisory Committee to be renewed? Selectman Donovan responded that the Board will decide soon.

Bob Pearson asked about the use of the Town Hall for a Veteran's program on June 14th. The Board offered to waive the fee, but requested that Mr. Pearson complete the form and to provide proof of liability insurance.

9:01 pm Selectman Donovan motioned to close the meeting; seconded by Selectman Johnson. Meeting closed.

Roy E. Fanjoy, Chairman
SB/bj & jj

Mason W. Donovan

Bruce G. Johnson